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Office of the Secretary
Case Control Unit
STB Finance Docket 34075
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington D.C 20423-0001

STB Finance Docket No. 34075 – Environmental Comments

Six County Association of Governments - Rail Line between Levan and Salina, Utah

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed shortline railroad for Levan to Salina. I have reviewed the proposal at the public scoping meeting. I have also helped the Six County AOG Rail Technical committee as a private land owner and have provided input into preliminary proposals.

Dahlsrud Farms is a family owned corporation. Our family farms 800 acres of alfalfa hay for the dairy hay market. Most years we also feed 300-400 head of feeder cattle.

I am very supportive of the proposed preferred alignment presented at the public scoping meeting in Salina. This proposal generally follows existing roads and field boundaries. It would have some impact on one of my fields, but it would not be a huge loss.

Alternative B is totally in every way unacceptable because it arbitrarily cut through some of the best farm land in the valley. In particular this alternative cuts through my farm and indiscriminately fragments most of my fields and those of my neighbors. This farm land is classed as "prime and important". This alternative will be vigorously opposed.

There needs to be provisions made to provide access across the alignment for livestock and equipment for fields that might be impacted.

There is a lot of traffic on Highway 50 and the Highway to Aurora. From a highway safety stand point I am very concerned about an "at grade" railroad crossing. I would strongly recommend a "grade separated" crossing to reduce the risk of car accidents with trains. Our family constantly uses this intersection to get to school and for community services. Most of the people in Aurora use it for the same reasons.

Sincerely,



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